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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Light trading noted on packer label hens and toms for prompt shipment. Inquiry limited. Offerings sufficient for current needs. Bulk parts and meats trading was good. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was good as buyers continue to need product for immediate needs. Supplies generally tight and held with confidence.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand moderate to good. Buyers resisting current upward trend of the market. Supplies are limited.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 05, 2004**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	63	63.00	600	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	59	59.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

#### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 06, 2004 CURRENT WEEK LAST WEEK SAME WEEK YEAR AGO

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	63.00	60.50 **	59.00
WESTERN REGION	62.00 **	62.00 **	60.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.70 **	59.00 **	58.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.00	57.80	57.00
WESTERN REGION	59.00 **	59.00	57.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,**  
**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY**  
**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

### FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,  
EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF  
09-FEB-2004

	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.33	60	69.50	48
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.33	60	69.50	48

SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)

SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND** (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-31, 2004	378,953*

To date 2004 378.953\*

To date 2003 405,775\*

\* PRELIMINARY

## NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-2004  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	763	-21	21.67	(A)	764	21.67
SATL	552	-15	28.05	(A)	553	28.05
N CENT	1,813	0	33.23	(A)	1,815	33.23
S CENT	497	-3	20.77	(A)	499	20.77
WEST	274	2	22.77	(A)	276	22.77

U.S. TOTAL 3,899(B)	-7	27.93	8	3,907	27.93
TO-DATE					

2004	16,583(B)	25	16,608
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TO-DATE

2003	17,403(B)	43	17,446
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000 for the year 172,000; last year to date 255,000.

## LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 31-Jan-2004

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
AVG WT	15.19	36.68	23.80	36.47	27.93
LAST WEEK	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
SAME WK YR AGO	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
AVG WT	15.28	36.78	24.11	30.03	28.54
TO-DATE/2004	6,696	9,715	172	25	16,608
TO-DATE/2003	6,659	10,489	255	43	17,446

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 FEBRUARY 2004.

The market tone continued steady to firm on bulk meats and parts, steady on 4-8 lb. breasts and steady to fully steady on insitutional sized breasts. White meat demand was light to fair with supplies held with confidence. Tom bulk parts demand was fair to good with only limited availability noted. Hen bulk parts demand was light to fair. Offerings of hen bulk parts ranged from short of buyers' needs on 2-joint wings to light on drums. Trading slow on all items. For domestic: punched drum 71, ground drum -6 months age 51, Grade A 10-12 lb. WOGs 86 cents delivered and plant grade non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 105 cents shipping point. Some fresh tom drums traded at 48 cents delivered the border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	91.00		91.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00		87.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	48.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	44.85	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.50		39.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	40.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	74.00	6
NECKS, TOM	41.00-47.00		43.06	71
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	147.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00-155.00		153.53	163
THIGH MEAT	80.00		80.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	85.00-86.00		85.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	81.00		81.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	116.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	130.00		130.00	25
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	71.09	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00		34.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2004.**

The market was steady to firm on bulk parts and meats, 4-8 lb. breast steady, and institutional size breast steady to fully steady. Inquiry was active on most items with some processors offering product only when it is actually produced to reduce price risk due to the strength of the market. Offerings were held with confidence, except for 4-8 lb. breasts which ranged light to adequate for buyers' needs. For domestic: frozen mature breeder hen tenderloins 110, fresh hen drums 49 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	91.00	40	91.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.00	20	150.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	60	83.88	391
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	40	48.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	44.85	130		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	45.00		45.00	40	45.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	39.50	40	38.00	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00		38.00	40	38.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	74.00	6	74.00	6
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	40	40.49	197
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	147.00	40	147.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00-155.00		153.80	200	153.68	363
THIGH MEAT	82.00		82.00	10	80.15	130
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	85.33	60	86.29	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	81.00	20	81.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00-81.00		79.00	120	79.25	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	116.00	120	115.75	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	71.09	110	71.09	110
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	132.00		132.00	10	128.76	105
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00-35.00		32.93	58	33.54	178
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	104	47.47	392
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	27.50	40	27.50	40
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THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	80	85.06	432

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